

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Best et al.	§ Group Art Unit: 2163
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Serial No.: 10/697,899	§ Examiner: Ho, Binh Van
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Filed: October 30, 2003	§ Confirmation No.: 9243
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For: Method and Apparatus for	§ Attorney Docket No.: AUS920030792US1
Increasing Efficiency of Data Storage in	§
a File System	§

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: